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| <b>RESPONSE</b><br><br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Attorney Docket No.  | 10030416-1  |
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 31, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due by March 31, 2008.